BOX ELDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISTRICT NO. 13-G, HILL COUNTY BOX ELDER, MONTANA 59521 EXHIBIT 8

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HB 15

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Good Morning Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for considering supporting HB 15. I am Kevin Barsotti of Box Elder Schools and I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Kali Wicks and her dedicated team on all of the different aspects of the Quality Schools Grant Program.

Whether it was the energy efficiency projects, the planning project, or the application process for the project grant that we are discussing today I can say that Ms. Wicks and her team truly worked hard to help out Box Elder Schools in all of the phases of these efforts. We are fortunate to have people in leadership positions who desire to serve the citizens of Montana.

Box Elder Schools has benefitted from an energy audit, energy improvements (occupancy sensors, retrofit lighting, replacement of some single pane windows, and retrocommissioning our heating system). We are here asking for your support of HB 15 which would provide us the means to build a classroom addition in order to get our students out of basement storage rooms.

I know that your time is valuable and I thank you for taking the time to consider supporting HB 15.

Sincerely, Keving Bursotti

Kevin Barsotti-Counselor and Federal Programs